

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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November 5, 2002

FROM: PATRICIA L. NICKOLS, Executive Director
Community Services Department

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 03 to State Contract No. 02B-5183 (County Agreement No. 02-55) with State of California Department of Community Services and Development (SDCSD) for Community Services Department (CSD) to continue providing a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to households in San Bernardino County from January 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: LIHEAP has three major components: Weatherization which provides energy savings measures such as weather-stripping, water heater blankets, attic insulation, and window replacement; Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides rebates on electric and gas bills for eligible households; and Energy Crisis Intervention Program/Fast Track, which provides emergency utility assistance for low-income clients with final call shut-off notices. Assistance is provided to households with incomes up to 150% of the poverty level or sixty percent of the State median income.

On January 29, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract No. 02B-4236 (County Agreement No. 02-55), in the amount of \$294,616 between CSD and SDCSD to provide weatherization services to 100 eligible low-income single-family and multi-family dwellings throughout San Bernardino County and provide energy education and counseling. Approximately 422 low-income households were served with utility assistance for electric and gas, 75 households for wood and propane and 11 households for furnace repair and replacement. This amount represented partial funding from SDCSD until notice was received of the final federal LIHEAP Block Grant allocation to the State for Calendar-Year (CY) 2002.

In May, 2002, SDCSD received notification of the final federal allocation of LIHEAP Block Grant funds for CY 2002. This allocation included an increase of \$510,543. However, SDCSD had not received approval from the State of California Legislature to encumber and expend all the federally-approved amount. Therefore, SDCSD issued Amendment No. 1 that only increased spending up to the amount that was approved by the Legislature (\$510,543), but not up the final federal allocation.

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On June 4, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 01 increasing the contract amount by \$510,543, making the total contract amount \$805,159. Approval of this amendment enabled CSD to continue providing weatherization services to 135 additional low-income, single-family and multi-family dwellings throughout San Bernardino County. Approximately 8,044 low-income households were to be served with utility assistance for electric and gas, 381 households for wood and propane and 50 households for furnace repair and replacement.

On September 11, 2002, SDCSD received approval from the State of California Legislature to distribute the remaining balance of the LIHEAP funding (\$739,180), approved by the Federal Government.

On October 8, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 02 that increased the contract up to the federally approved amount. This amendment increased the contract amount by \$739,180, making the total contract \$1,544,339. Approval of this amendment enabled CSD to continue providing weatherization services to 500 low-income, single-family and multi-family dwellings throughout San Bernardino County. Approximately 10,743 low-income households will be served with utility assistance for electric and gas, 387 households for wood and propane and 51 households for furnace repair and/or replacement.

Amendment No. 03 extends the contract's original closing date from December 31, 2002 to March 31, 2003. All other terms and conditions of this contract remain unchanged.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This contract has been reviewed and approved by Risk Management (Donia Brooks, Staff Analyst II) on October 22, 2002, County Counsel (Regina Coleman, Deputy) on October 21, 2002, and by County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on October 25, 2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Amendment No. 03 has no financial impact. The total contract amount remains unchanged at \$1,544,339, and is fully reimbursed by SDCSD. This contract is included in CSD's CY 2002 budget. There are no local costs to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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